

Using *i-Ready* to Identify Students Who May Be Ready for Advanced Placement Courses

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Guidance Overview

This document provides guidance on using *i-Ready Diagnostic* to identify those students who may be prepared for Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics and English courses.

i-Ready Diagnostic and AP Course Readiness

In determining which students may be candidates for participation in AP coursework, educators have access to a large amount of information. In some cases, they may wish to use *i-Ready Diagnostic* performance as one indicator of potential readiness for AP participation. As a rigorous measure of developed mathematics and reading proficiency, *i-Ready Diagnostic* can serve a valuable role in identifying those students who may succeed in AP courses, but, when possible, *i-Ready* should be used in conjunction with other information available to educators.

Additionally, the guidance below should be used to determine which students could be *included* in AP courses, but does not support *excluding* students from AP participation. That is, sufficiently high performance on the Diagnostic may be an indication of later success in AP courses, but if a student does not perform well on the Diagnostic it is not possible to conclude the student will *not* do well in AP courses.

i-Ready Diagnostic Cut Scores for AP Course Readiness

The following cut scores are recommended for AP course readiness.

Grade	<i>i-Ready Diagnostic</i> Score	Relevant AP Courses
8	670	AP Literature and Composition
8	575	AP mathematics courses

Of note, at this time there is no explicit research that directly connects *i-Ready Diagnostic* performance to later success in AP courses, but the scores above are associated with *i-Ready Diagnostic's* "Late On Level" placement for Grade 8, which is broadly indicative of later success with college and career-related instruction.

Additionally, although Curriculum Associates' researchers believe the scores above are sufficient for use for AP Literature and Composition and AP mathematics readiness among Grade 8 students, researchers do not currently have any similar scores for students in other grades or for success in other AP courses.